

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A developing apparatus includes a developer carrying member for carrying a developer; a developer regulating member, contacted to the developer carrying member, for regulating a thickness of a layer of the developer on the developer carrying member; and a lubricant provided between the developer carrying member and the developer regulating member, wherein a charge polarity of the lubricant is opposite to a charge polarity of the developer, and a weight average particle size of the lubricant is not more than 1/3 of a weight average particle size of the developer.

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